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THE ONLY DEMOCRATIC PAPER IN WEBSTER COUNTY

Anyhow the weather man succeeded in putting house cleaning off two whole months.

Halley's comet has fooled the astronomers. We were under the impression that the newspaper fraternity had a monopoly upon being fooled.

It is no use trying to keep Webster county off the map. With Cy Young still a good old man on the diamond and Bert Garber entering the big league by joining Cincinnati we are bound to be kept before the limelight.

How times do change. Who ever heard of a gentlemen's church banquet in Red Cloud before? Yet we are pleased to welcome such an innovation. Such an organization as was formed has the greatest of possibilities before it. Most men's activity ends with the name enrolled upon the church records.

The Anti-Saloon league and the saloon-keepers of Omaha complain that liquor is being sold in that city after hours, on Sundays and all the time yet they are unable to get the officers to take a hand. One organization or the other ought to work a stand-in with the police if they want things different.

The newspaper accounts of the democratic banquet held in Beaver City last week are very flattering in describing the address delivered by Bernard McNeny of this city. His subject was "Democracy" with which he is thoroughly familiar. Mr. McNeny is gaining a wide reputation as an after dinner speaker. He is greeted everywhere as Nebraska's next attorney general.

When the people can be made to understand that it actually costs more in time and money to travel over a poor road than it does to travel over a good one, they will be less inclined to begrudge the expense of good roads, and what is more important still, will be willing and anxious to put the business of road making into the hands of intelligent men who understand the business. Poor roads are the expensive things that curse a country district.

The initiative and referendum question remains in statu quo at the present writing. Here is a peculiar condition of affairs. A measure which practically nine tenths of the people favor is apparently to be shelved because the glory of passing it may or may not land in certain quarters. Human nature appears to be so constituted that it cannot support any proposition which does not originate on the right side of the fence. The time will speedily come when blind partisan politics will be a thing of the past and the people will support measures which benefit the public regardless of the particular political brand stamped upon them.

The initiative and referendum is bound to be found upon our statute books sooner or later and we will welcome the day when measures are judged solely upon their merits. This handing the package back and forth and examining it with microscopes to see who will receive the ultimate credit is puerile in the extreme.

This office acknowledges the receipt of the last issue of the "Mediator" a newspaper published in Omaha. Its avowed purpose is to fight the battles of the saloon keeper and incidentally boom Jim Dahlman for governor. Unqualified assertions of the growing popularity of Omaha's mayor coupled with the suggestion that the salvation of the state depends upon the quantity of Omaha's brew consumed will hardly appeal to the reason of intelligent people.

Such a platform must be the product of a diseased mentality but one is not surprised to find a periodical of that character established in Omaha.

Dahlman may ride the bucking broncho and receive the plaudits of an admiring public for his spectacular performance but he can hardly expect the support of western Nebraska until he develops more of a disposition for stability. Western voters occasionally do a little riding themselves and some times are known to buck. It seems mighty certain to us that if Mayor Dahlman wants support for his political aspirations he must look to Omaha for it. As far as the "Mediator" is concerned, its days are numbered.

Nebraska has too many citizens of the safe and sane order to ever adopt the wide open, go-as-you-please policy.

It is said that dancing makes girls feet large. It is also said that ice cream makes freckles. Doctors are of the opinion that hanging on the front gate produces rheumatism. A few more opinions like these and the girls won't have any fun left them.

Would it not be well for parents who have children attending school in the town to take interest enough in the schools and their children to visit the schools at least one time during the term. We hear parents complaining of the schools, who have no more knowledge of how they are being conducted than a resident of China has. We do know that strangers who have visited our schools have gone away and said that we have the best schools of any town in the country. What should the people of a town feel prouder of than good schools? What will bring a good class of people to any town more rapidly than good schools? Parents go to your schools and see for yourselves, and don't accept idle reports about your schools and the teachers as facts.

If there be one better way than another to ruin a town, it is for those who live in it to go about apologizing for its existence. There are some who are always ready to say, by their actions at least, that this place don't amount to much. They will tell you that the town is dead; that no one would think of stopping here, that some town adjacent is more respectable, more enterprising, has better people, better enjoyments, is ahead of us in everything. This is all wrong. Even if it be true, no one should ever admit it, when it comes to making a comparison. Every good citizen of this town, should take a special local pride in all that pertains to home. The schools, the churches, the amusements, the business, pleasures, the picnics, the celebrations, in fact everything should be looked on by our own people as just as good as can be gotten up elsewhere. The town that says "we can," will always succeed. The town that says, "Oh I don't know, I don't think it will amount to much," is never of much force. If you have no local pride, borrow some.

Perhaps no class of people meet with so much or so severe criticism as teachers. Much of this criticism is unjust and exists solely because parents and others listen to unverified reports and do nothing to acquaint themselves with real inner workings of the school room. Any person experienced with children knows that these reports, even when absolutely truthful from their point of view cannot be relied upon. Again, any one who has the training of children, has experienced the mortifying that the best trained children sometimes woefully lapse from their knowledge of good manners and courtesy when away from home and among other children. Some mothers will not tolerate any correction of their children's manners by the teacher, taking it as a direct insult to their home training, when it is but the result of childish heedlessness or selfwill. No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in the presence of pupils. There are many—the usually allude to a teacher as school-marm—who persist in believing and encouraging that a school teacher is never to be regarded with other than suspicion.

There is one regrettable feature connected with the visit of the St. Joe Commercial Club and that is the utter lack of common courtesy shown them by our people. Our Commercial club snubbed them to the limit. The St. Joe people did not expect a delegation to meet them at the depot when they found out that this was opening day for the base ball season but they did expect to be invited up after supper. They had a good band and had notified Red Cloud that it was at their disposal and they fully expected to come up town after supper and give a band concert. But they were not invited. They were ignored entirely. In the same connection might be mentioned the treatment accorded Mayor Dahlman. The base ball management was extremely anxious to secure some one of wide reputation to pitch the first ball so as to draw a crowd and arrangements were made with Mr. Dahlman. He was here and performed his part. Then he was ignored. We failed to see one of those who were so anxious to have him help swell the receipts at his lecture in the evening. That they disagreed with him in politics or anything else makes no difference. He was entitled to a hearing especially from those he favored.

The Red Cloud Commercial club can hardly be praised for efficiency, activity or common courtesy.

Proclamation.

May 30, 1910 being Memorial Day and a legal holiday I request that all business be suspended between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m., and that the stores may close up in order that all who desire may participate in the memorial exercises. C. H. POTTS, Mayor.

Program for Commencement Night at the Opera House Friday, June 3, at 8 p. m.

Music—Double Quartet and Orchestra Invocation Rev. Stiffler
Oration—For Value Received I Promise to Pay—Florence Kellogg representing the class of 1910
Music—Double Quartet and Orchestra
Address—An Evening with Great Men J. L. McBrien, Lincoln
Music—Double Quartet and Orchestra
Presentation of Diplomas to the Class of 1910 by Henry Newhouse, Pres. Board of Education
Award of Scholarship.
Award of Forty Dollar Penmanship and Spelling Prizes
Doxology.

Program for Class Night Thursday, June 2, Opera House 8 p. m.

Play—The Man on the Box—Dramatized by the Class of 1910
Music for the evening will be furnished by the teachers of the Red Cloud Schools

CAST OF CHARACTERS
Col. Annesley, a retired army officer—Leo Ryan
Betty Annesley, his daughter—Nita Argabright
Leut. Robert Warburton—Howard Fox
Mrs. John Warburton—Robert's sister-in-law
Bertha Green
Nancy Henderson—Robert's sister.....
Lois Simmons
Chas. Henderson—Nancy's fiance.....
Jim Ricker
Count Karloff, a Russian Diplomat—Aaron Hedge
Col. Raleigh—regimental colonel—Jim Ricker
Mrs. Chadwick.....Gertrude Blackledge
Pierre a chef.....Pearl Smith
Celeste, a maid.....Grace McCall
William, a stable boy.....Marie Hollister
Judge of Police Court.....Nelle Martindale
Clerk.....Grace Leonard
Dramatist.....Grace Boyd
Dramatist's wife.....Pearl Smith
American Countess.....Josephine Fox

SYNOPSIS
Leut. Robert Warburton lately resigned from the U. S. army comes to Washington to visit his sister and married brother. For a joke he disguises as a groom to drive his sister home from a ball at the British embassy but gets the wrong carriage, the occupants of which—Betty Annesley and Mrs. Chadwick have him arrested. Betty is interested in Robert at the police station where he gives his name as James Osborne and she engages him as a groom. He accepts the position for the sake of adventure and because he is smitten with the charm of Betty. Col. Annesley a retired army officer, having gambled away his fortune is going to betray his country by selling fortification plans of U. S. coast defenses to Count Karloff who also loves Betty. When the final transaction takes place, Robert steps in and destroys the plans, thus saving Col. Annesley's honor and preventing Betty from being forced to marry Count Karloff. The groom's identity is discovered and all's well that ends well.

Act I Scene I Police Court.
Scene II Kitchen in Betty's home.
Act II Scene I Room in Betty's home.
Scene II Mrs. Chadwick's home
Scene III Lawn party at Betty's home.
Act III Annesley's library.

G. A. R. Program

On Sunday May 29, all soldiers and sailors of the Civil and Spanish American wars and members of the Woman's Relief Corps, are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall at ten o'clock a. m. From this place they will march to the Opera House where union services will be held. The memorial sermon will be delivered by Rev. Hussong. Music will be furnished by the Christian church choir.

On Monday, May 30, all comrades of the G. A. R., the Relief Corps with all soldiers of the Spanish American wars will meet at the G. A. R. hall at 10 o'clock p. m. Line of march commanded by C. C. McConkey, will form on Webster street and march south and west to cemetery.

Detail will be assigned by the Post Commander and President of W. R. C. to decorate graves of comrades and members of Relief Corps. After decorating graves the line of march will form a hollow square at the monument of the unknown dead. Here will be held exercises of the relief corps and the comrades of the G. A. R.

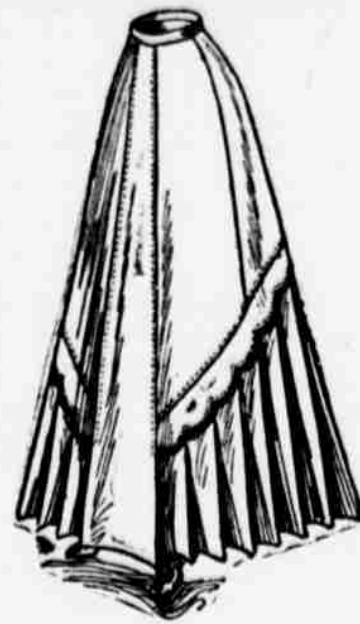
Benediction.
Column will march to Opera house where the following program will be given.

Invocation—Judge Edson.
Song "America"—Choir.
Music.
Reading list of dead comrades—S. B. Kizer.
Address—Rev. Stiffler
Music.
Benediction.
By order Committee.

The Red Cloud Hardware Co.'s Store Robbed

On Friday night the Red Cloud Hardware & Implement Co.'s store was entered from the basement by burglars and a considerable amount of knives, guns, etc., were stolen. After gaining an entrance to the basement it was but a small job to get the "swag" and make their get away as the burglars only had to break a pane of glass and unbolt a door to gain admittance to the main store, rifle the show cases and skip. There is no clue to the burglars.

Seasonable Merchandise



A New Stock of Ladies' Separate Skirts.



Shirt waist weather means an extra skirt or so—our line of new skirts are now ready for your inspection. We shall try and make this department one of the best in our store.

Skirts like cut in all colors \$4, \$5, \$6.
Black and white shepard plaid, panel front and back flounce on sides at \$7.00.
White serge plaided skirt \$8.00.
Black voile plaided skirt \$9.00.

Confirmation and Graduation Dresses

We have anticipated your demands in this particular and have ready for your viewing an exceptional—yes a remarkable exhibit of pretty white goods, lace and embroidery all selected with the utmost care and thought to get the best goods for the least money. It will pay you to look this line over before buying.

Remarkable Waist Values

Remarkable from every view point is this special offering of an all linen waist with stiff collar and cuffs at \$1.25.

The Latest in Ladies Neckwear

Dainty Neck Fixings
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Our Summer showing neck pieces for the Summer Girl.
We invite you to view our new neckwear before buying.
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WOMAN LAWYER NOTHING NEW

Old Records Tell of Case Where One Pleaded Before Court in Ancient Babylonia.

Among the most interesting treasures of the British museum are the clay tablets of ancient Babylonia. These tablets, resembling unglazed tiles, throw quaint lights and shadows on the manners and customs of long ago. Usually the records are fragmentary, but are occasionally fairly complete, as is that of legal proceeding instituted by a "woman of Borsippa," which action is of particular interest as showing that a married woman's property law was in force as early as 550 B. C.

The proceedings to which the "documents" refer were taken by a woman against her brother-in-law to regain possession of property left by her husband. The evidence showed that a man of Babylon had married the woman from Borsippa, and with the money of her dowry he had bought an estate. After a few years, having no children of their own, they adopted a son, and shortly afterward the husband mortgaged the estate. Later he died, leaving the estate mortgaged, and his brother attempted to claim the property.

The widow took the matter before the court at Borsippa; but it was beyond the jurisdiction of this court and was referred to the high court at Babylon. Here the case was fully heard, and the judges rendered a decision to the effect that, as the property had been the husband's, the widow could have it upon paying off the mortgage, and that the brother had no claim. Eventually, the estate would be the property of the adopted son. It is especially noted, as though a matter of some interest, that the woman pleaded her own case in the high court of Babylon without assistance.—The Sunday Magazine.

Defects in Tires of Wheels.
Attention has been invited by technical writers to the fact that the wheels of vehicles intended for driving roads have not kept pace in development with the other parts in carriage mechanism. Experiments with heavy vehicles indicate that wheels should be made both higher and broader. In England it has been recommended that with a maximum axle load of eight tons the width of the tire should be about ten and one-half inches.

Wise Bilkins.
"Bilkins asks all his friends to give him their diaries when they are through with them."
"What an idea! Does he get many?"
"Lots."
"But what a queer fad!"
"It isn't a fad. It's economy. That's how he gets his blank books."

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